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Tarzana Man Charged After Arrest for Trying to Sell Illegal Fireworks

A man arrested in Sylmar for trying to sell illegal fireworks has been charged with possessing a homemade bomb, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Shant Aslanian (dob 9/16/94) of Tarzana faces one felony count each of possession of a destructive device: bomb of unknown caliber; possession of ingredients to make a destructive device; and sale or transportation of a destructive device.

Arraignment in case PAO86666 is scheduled today in Department S of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, San Fernando Branch.

Aslanian was arrested on July 3 after reportedly posting an online ad selling homemade fireworks, prosecutors said. The defendant attempted to make the alleged sale near a gas station at Roxford Street and the Golden State Freeway, prosecutors added.

The freeway was partially shut down as a result and nearby businesses were evacuated.

Aslanian faces four years in state prison if convicted as charged. Bail is set at \$500,000.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Major Crimes Division.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.